

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Add the following new paragraph [00005] prior to paragraph [0001]:

[0005] (New) This application is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 10/109,955, filed March 28, 2002, now U.S. Patent _____, for which priority is claimed and whose disclosure is incorporated by reference.

[0023] (Currently amended) Figure 2 illustrates in block diagram form a preferred approach for practicing the invention. An iron-base alloy is provided, numeral 30. The iron-base alloy has more iron than any other element. The iron-base alloy has aluminum present in a relatively small amount, less than about 0.5 weight percent and preferably less than about 0.1 weight percent. Other elements are typically present. In a preferred form, the iron-base alloy has from about 10 to about 18 weight percent nickel, from about 8 to about 16 weight percent cobalt, from about 1 to about 5 weight percent molybdenum, less than about 0.5 weight percent aluminum, and from about 1 to about 3 weight percent chromium. Carbon is ordinarily present in the initially provided iron-base alloy in an amount of ~~up~~ more than about 0.3 weight percent, and the carbon content is reduced during the melting practice as will be described. Titanium is present, if at all, in an amount of less than about 0.1 weight percent. The remainder of the composition is iron, possibly other elements that are intentionally present, and impurities. (All compositions herein are weight percents, unless stated otherwise.)